Youth's Department.

Conducted by Lottie Holsinger.

The Boy is Father to the Man.

Boys are but men in embryo;
Men are but boys of larger growth,
Who fondle pets and toy with schemes,
And ride their daring hobbies forth.

The boy leaves impress on the man;
The clay when moulded, soft and warm
Is plastic to the finger's touch,
Takes graceful shape or rugged form,

Each half-formed impulse shadows forth
The ripened fruits of after years;
Who sows with reckless hand the seed
May reap in sorrow and in tears.

Be loyal, boys, to truth and right;
Each manly purpose foster well;
An unchecked thought, a cureless deed,
On all your future lives may tell.

Our Scripture Lesson For Oct. 12th.

Read 1 Chron. 22 : 6—19.

In the last quarter we learned that David had a fine house built for himself and that it was his desire to build a house for the Lord. This was denied him, but he had the promise that a son should erect a temple for the Lord. Of this David is speaking to Solomon in our lesson for this week.

Solomon has been solemnly annointed king, yet note with what reverence he listens to his his aged father. Boys and girls, did you ever think how necessary it is to be respectful to old people? and as we treat them, just so will we be treated when we become old and crippled, old people are fond of children, and they appreciate all favors from youthful hands. They have lived a long time and their experience is valuable. They will always have something to tell you that will assist you at some time.

David's talk is to us as well as to Solomon, and if we did but follow his advice we would not fail in our work. We are to have an earnest desire to do the will of God and when having it learned do all in our power to obey the commands, and as far as we can, have others learn His commandments and have an earnest desire to obey.

When doing our work we should be prepared for trouble and ask God to help us to be faithful in good things. There is no cause for our discouragement, we have the best cause, the grandest purpose and the noblest king in existence. Our enemies may have many armed men, yet our Lord has millions more, and should we need it, a legion of angels will be sent to our assistance: and this truth my dear children, should cause you to be anxious to enlist in this, our Lord's great army. When you see any one heavy-hearted, tell them of this king who is greatest of all kings, and whose mercy never faileth, with your young lips tell them to look up to this never failing comfort and with renewed zeal go forth to learn and do God's will.

Report of Dewdrop fund for week ending Oct. 8:

H. S. Mikesell - -	.10
Frank B. Yoder - -	.10
Previously reported -	8.76
Total - - -	8.96

In last week's report "Mrs." should have been before A. L. Davis.

At last we have met our much loved Aunt Laura She spent a day with us that will ever be most pleasantly remembered. She talks as she writes and our little Dew Drops can not think too kindly of her. I trust we may all meet her some time. God grant it.

Our dear "Posie" has again remembered us and sent us something that is worth more than "one reading." Somehow that "something" gets in many thoughts sometimes and keeps many cheering words out of our prayer meetings, and sometimes it sticks in our throats until we become forgetful and oftentimes we say words we do not mean that afterward makes us feel very sorry.

The good news promised you last week was that the Ashland dewdrop club has gone to work in good earnest. Each Saturday afternoon the club will meet at one of our homes and for two hours will work for the benefit of the club. We hope to enjoy our work and besides being a help to our treasury it will also teach our Dew Drops some useful ideas. The girls sew, crochet and embroider; the boys can do scroll work and fashion many pretty brackets. We will be pleased to tell you of our work from time to time.

And now that we have started in this way it would be very pleasant for us to hear from other clubs being formed and started in this way.

Letters from the Children.

Dear Lottie:

With love to yourself and a fervent prayer that God may bless you in every good work, I send a mite for your Dewdrop fund. AUNT MAG.

Our dear "Aunt Mag's" letter was crowded out last week, but we are happy to give it to our readers this week. I am well acquainted with Aunt Mag, and love her. She is fond of children and is always trying to do good to some one; you see she sent us two and a half dimes to help us, and the prayer she has offered for us, we heartily thank her, and pray God may bless her kind heart and willing hands in these her aged days.

Dear Lottie:

I liked our paper so much I thought I would have something to say too. I was at the German Baptist communion meeting on Sept. 27th; there were twelve preachers present. We had singing school at Mrs. Louis Hang's, Sunday afternoon; the turn out was not so large on account of the rain. Mr. Shidler from Freeburg, is our teacher. Some of the scholars were good singers. I enjoyed it very much and expect to be a scholar. Our new church will soon be done in Louisville; we expect to have our singing school at the church.

LAURA HERSHBERGER.

Louisville, O.

We are pleased to learn the progress of your church, and hope much good may be done in it when finished. We would be glad to hear from you when your new school is started.

Dear Editor:

I have not written to the EVANGELIST for a long time. School has commenced and I have been going every day. We have half day sessions, because there are too many scholars in our room and the new building is not done. We have eighty nine scholars, and half go in the morning and half in the afternoon, until the new building is ready, which will be in about a month. I think I can tell you the moral of that story, at least I will try, which is instead of the review lesson. "Always do a thing right and careful while you are at it, and never hurry through with it merely for the sake of getting it off ones hands." If I don't answer it right, there are plenty of your little correspondents who will answer it correctly. I will send a dime for the Dewdrop fund. I hope the Dewdrop fund will soon reach ten dollars.

HARVEY S. MIKESELL.

Troy, Ohio.

It gratifies us to know that even if our correspondents do not often write to us, they think the time long that intervenes.

You have the moral, and nicely worded. I am glad some one has answerd so promptly. And that is something to learn, "What you do, do well." I think we will soon swell our treasury to ten dollars. Your dime makes it that much nearer the coveted sum, and I hope more willing hearts and hands will before another year make it more than ten times that amount.

Have Courage.

One bright Saturday morning in July, a good many years ago, I was sent to the blackberry patch to gather blackberries.

The patch was at the back of the orchard; and on the other side of the fence was a field of corn, in which a boy that worked for one of our neighbors, was plowing.

When I went to pick my berries at this patch I did not know that this boy was plowing there.

But I had scarcely begun until I heard such words! Oh! it makes me shudder yet when I think of them. He was swearing at and cursing his horse.

In my fright I stooped down low as I could to hide from this awful person.

But when he came up to the fence it made me feel quite indignant, because he was plowing with our horse.

In my haste to speak to him I knocked by berries over, but I left them lay and called to him 'not to talk to my horse that way any more.'

He looked around and seeing who it was, laughed heartily, then said, "All right, as its your horse, I won't.

Well, I didn't hear him swear any more while I was there.

Soon as he was gone a thought flashed into my mind that made a great lump raise up in my throat and I felt as though it would choke me.

The "thought" was "Ask that boy to go to Sunday school." The lump was a great big lump of fear, that makes me blush yet when I think what a coward I was. Afraid to ask a boy to go to Sunday school, yes, afraid to do what was right. Afraid to say one word lest he would laugh and make fun of me.

But it was not long until I saw him coming again and I thought I'll ask him now, but right away something whispered "He'll only laugh at you and make fun of you," and that awful lump came up in my throat. But before I could get my courage back and the lump out of my throat, he was gone. And he went and came four different times and then my bucket was full.

With a terrible effort I climbed up on the fence and said "Won't you come to Sunday school tomorrow?"

He turned around and laughed and then asked, "What do you do there?"

"O, we sing and do lots of nice things. You just come and see what we do."

"What do you sing?"

"Climbing up Zion's Hill" and "There is a Happy Land," and lots of others."

"Sing one of them for me, now."

So there on the fence I sang "There is a Happy Land" with all the earnestness my young heart knew.

When I finished he said "I guess I'll come."

And he *was* there the next day and two Sundays more, and then he went away to his home and I have never seen him since.

But this is not all that I want to tell you. Several years later when I was seventeen I wanted to join church and be on the Lord's side.

But when the time came that terrible lump would raise up in my throat, and, something would whisper, "Don't go," and I would sit still.

Three Sunday's passed away in this manner and then I said I *would* go and nothing should keep me back, and then I asked God to help me and it was easy.

This is not all yet.

Seven years after this I believed I ought to be immersed. When the preacher said for all who wanted to go with them to come to the front, this same tempter that had tempted me so many times in my youth and had tried so many times to keep me from saying any thing in Social Meetings. This same tempter came even at this time and tried to tempt me by saying that "the preacher did not mean me, but the unconverted."

But I got up and went.

"Oh! it takes courage to do right. Think it you can with a clear head and weigh well both sides of the question and then be brave, be firm, and no matter what happens, have courage to stick to the right. POSIE.

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